AIDS Patients

1397. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS patients are (about 30 times more) likely to suffer a stroke than people in the same age-group not exposed to AIDS; and

(b) if so, whether similar results have been noticed in India as appeared in the Sunday Observer of 22nd lanuary, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FA MILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROI KHAPARDE); (a) AIDS patients usu- occumb to overwhelming opportu- I infection or malignancies because of immuno deficiency. Stroke is not a common cause of death among AIDS cases. However, some AIDS patients have neurological manifestation.

(b) In India so far only 29 cases of AIDS have been detected. Of these II were foreigners and 18 were Indians 7 patients had neurological manifestation though none of the Indians with AIDS suffered or died of stroke.

Secretaries of Central Government from state cadres

1398. SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the number of Secretaries of the Central Government who belong to various State cadres including Gujarat; and

(b) whether Secretaries Eave been given extensions beyond their terms, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) 43 IAs officers arid 1 IPS officer are holding the posts of Secretaary to the Government of India.

(b) Two Secretaries have been given extension in service beyond the age of superannuation in public interest.

Deployment of Pakistani forces along Indo-Pak borders

1399. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BHANDARE: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notable change has been observed by Government following the induction of the newly elected democratic Government in Pakistan in regard to deployment of Pakistani Forces along Indo-Pak borders including that across Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details in this resard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations against former Chief Minister of Karnataka

1400. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that allegations against Shri Ram Krishna Hegde the former Chief Minister of Karnataka and his relatives have been made by various political leaders in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government ate considering to conduct an enquiry against the misuse of power by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka- and

(c) if so, by when the committee is likeiy to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF STAT$_E$ IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC - GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision, to constitute a Commission or Committee to enquire into the alleged misuse of power by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka, has been taken. Hence the question of indicating a time frame for constituting $_a$ committee doe$_s$ not arise.

Installation of ALCYON-II Cobalt Therapy Unit

1401. SHRl BHAGATRAM MANHAR;
SHRr BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken stringent measures to ensure that the commercial products using radioactive sources, do not cause any exposure of radiation to public at large, and if $_s$o, what ar$_e$ the broad details of such measures; and

(b) whether it is also $_a$ fact $^{tnat\ a}$ non-Government hospital in Bangalore is being allowed t$_0$ instal! ALCYON-II Cobalt Therapy Unit in the ground floor of a building in $_a$ crowded residential locality instead of the usual basement area where the threat of radiatio$_n$ exposure is The minimum or nil, and whether this particular Cobalt Unit ha$_s$ got the necessary desisn certification from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVTL AVIATION AND TOURTSM fSHRT SHIVRAJ PATIL): fa) Yes. Sir.

Atomic Energy Regulatory Board TAERB^ has brought out safety code giving details for Cobalt Therapy equipment and installations. The code also specifies the requirements for the safe operation of th$_e$ equipment, qualifications of staff handling them etc. The shielding specifications for the therapy facility are approved by BARC prior to construction. Radiation surveillan$_{ce}$ of the facility is also carried out by BARC.

(b) A non-Govt. hospital in Bangalore is being allowed to install $_a$ ALCYON-II Cobalt Teletherapy Unit in the ground floor of the hospital building in s residential locality. The location of the Therapy Unit in the ground floor is quite common, and is safe as the room is adequately shielded as Per $^{c0(}$le requirements and is at sufficient distance from adjacent residential buildings. The approval for the installation of this particular unit in the Bangalore hospital is awaiting the receipt of test certificate from the manufacturer?.

World Bank pressure for computers in rural sector

1402. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR;
SHRT MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report on World Bank's pressure for computers in rural sector which appeared in the Times of India dated llth October, 1988;

(b) if iso**,** facts on the case; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government have seen the report i$_n$ the Times of India. The World Bank has prepare! a pilot project report to test *e.p-*